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SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

DEATH.

On the 19th instant, at the Beach Hotel,
Singapore, WILLIAM BARRY HARMSTON, of
Harmston and Sons' Office, aged 49 years.
Deeply regretted. Shanghai and Japan papers
please copy.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1893.

COOLIE TRAFFIC.

SINCE the notorious *Tatarus* case was
concluded by the costly victory of the
opposite traders, rumour has been busy with
the name of Senhor BENAVIDES, the South
American gentleman who was not
prosecuted for perjury nor 'run-in' for
slave-trading. Wild stories have gone
about as to how the present flourishing
going-revolution in Brazil would affect his
firm, the Companhia Metropolitana de Rio
Janeiro, and as to the chances of the firm

and powerful *Tatarus* being impressed as
an armed cruiser, and the cargo of Macao
coolies enlisted as soldiers in the civil war.
By latest advices Senhor BENAVIDES was
reported to have gone to Shanghai, and
to be intent on tackling the Chinese
authorities, and endeavouring to enlist
the services of the Taung-ii Yamen in his
behalf; for it is an open secret that the
exposures as to the *Tatarus* business
led to the Kwangtung authorities very
strongly opposing the continuation of the
trade, so that even the first shipment from
Macao was only made under great diffi-
culties and at a very heavy loss instead of
the anticipated profit. So it happened.
If current report may be trusted, that
Senhor BENAVIDES had to suspend his
negotiations for the charter of other
vessels to follow the *Tatarus*, and he then
endeavoured to prostrate the Son of
Heaven. But the Chinese are not so
easily deluded as many people believe.

In cases of this kind there is always a
certain class of pseudo-casualties—mostly
with pecuniary interests—who urge that
the British Government, or any Govern-
ment, ought not to interfere; that trade
will find a channel somewhere, and that a
demand must result in creating a supply by
hook or by crook, so that to crush it
out of Hongkong means to put money in
the pockets of traders in other ports, not
hampered by any such over-conscientious
legislation. Logically the same argument
applies to gambling, burglary, piracy,
and almost every questionable pursuit on
earth. But, right or wrong, the principles
of British state policy are sufficiently firm,
and will not be altered at the request of
a handful of unscrupulous adventurers,
whether they have money behind them
or not. It is not very long since a
simpleton named SANDERSON EDMUNDS,
without money or influence—unless his
friend and patron of the *China Mail*
supplied the want—innocently proposed to
open up a coolie trade between Hong-
kong, Mexico and Jamaica, via Canada,
nominally, though the country really in
view was more probably the Land
of the Geary Act. He found his
mistake out, and railed at British
conservatism. Now, again, a gentleman
named GARDNER is trying on a some-
what similar game, with Honolulu in view;
but the Hongkong Government has
flatly refused to allow a single coolie
to be embarked for that port unless
as a free emigrant, and so another
attempt is to be made in Macao. It
remains to be seen how the venture will
fare this time. Merchants and others
interested in promoting the commerce of
Hongkong are tempted to cavil at this
course, and to protest against trade
of any sort—assuming the one con-
dition of remunerativeness to some-
body—being driven over to our neighbours;
but a dispassionate examination into the
question in each case shows very good
reasons for the action of the Hongkong
Government. The only fault to be found
is that sometimes that action fails. The
Tatarus case, though nominally a victory
for the coolie traders against the
authorities, in reality cost the winners
such a pile of money that it amounted
to disaster. Still, there is no telling
what might be the result of a second
attempt; and the Government would do
well to carefully consider whether the law,
stringent as it was thought to be, cannot
be made yet stronger—not in the direction
of severity of penalties, but in the greater
perfection of its precautions, so that not
the slightest loophole or leak may remain.

TELEGRAMS.

ANARCHISTS IN CANADA.

LONDON, November 20th, 1893.
Three officers belonging to the Canadian
Militia (including the son of the notorious
ex-Premier, Honoré Mercier) were arrested in
Montreal at midnight, when about to destroy the
Nelson Monument with dynamite.

THE FRENCH-CANADIAN PARTY.

A growing feeling of animosity has lately
shown itself between the French and English
residents in Quebec.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

A strong movement has taken place in London
in favour of increasing the strength of the Navy.
A meeting is being organized with the view of
furthering that object.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaelic*, with
mail, &c., from San Francisco to the 22nd inst.,
has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this
port tomorrow morning.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No.
1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand
Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A MAIN-TRUNK telephone line is under con-
struction between London and Glasgow, passing
through Nottingham, Sheffield and Leeds. As
there is already a telephone communication
between Glasgow and Belfast, and between Belfast
and Dublin, when the new line is completed,
communication between Dublin and London will
be possible.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dowell, Carill & Co.)
inform us that the steamer *Alphas* left Singa-
pore to try for this port, and is due on or about
the 30th inst.

SOME more Hongkong Post Office work: copies
of the Singapore *Strait Times* for the 7th and
14th inst. respectively, were carefully delivered
this afternoon. Comment would be superfluous.

MESSRS. F. M. McLarty and Arlet Reid are at
the present time the leading will-factors in the
Straits Settlements. Which of the twin
'takes the bun' for hopeless idleness is a question
we prefer to leave to our readers in Singapore
and Penang.

MESSRS. CALDWELL, MacGregor & Co., always
successful in their search for pleasing novelties,
have issued this year instead of the orthodox
almanack a very neat twelve-inch rule, folding
for the vest pocket, and bearing a little reminder
of the old-established firm.

Reform.—Reader—"Why don't you wear it?
Old Soak—"I (A) have."
Reader—"Nonsense."
Old Soak—"I've sworn off water and sars
(A) pills. (H) Fill up 'gals, boy. That's
(A) one on you, stranger!"

It appears that the Pope's will has been made
for many years. The document is Latin and
begins with a humble confession of human
weakness and appeals to the merits of our Lord
and all the saints. In it Leo XIII. distinctly
disclaims all personal inclination in the matter
of the choice of his successor.

SOME "travelled" men have been known to aver
that the reave barbers in India whose touch is so
light that they can shave you while asleep, with-
out knowing you, are, in fact, men in this
part of the world who can "take" you before
you find it out, while you are, as you think, wide
awake in every sense of the term.

THE Tinto river in Spain is reputed to possess
remarkable qualities. Its waters are yellow as
the topaz, harden the sand and petrify it in a
most surprising manner. If a stone falls into
the river and rests upon another they both
become perfectly united and conglutinated in a
year. No fish can live in this stream.

THE ordeal by fire still exists in Labore as a
religious ceremony. Quite recently a number
of Mohammedan devotees passed through a big
fire, repeating part of the Koran, which they
believed would protect them from all injury. A
few came through unharmed, while those who
singed or had their feet blistered were considered
to be suffering from their sins.

THE *Phalaris* arrived here to-day 14 days
out from Singapore; having called in at
Saigon suffering from "coal fever" brought on
by unusually heavy weather. She had an
ample supply for ordinary winter weather, but
the monsoon threatened to buffet her about so
severely that the captain thought best to be on
the safe side and replenish. No damage done.

A FOOTBALL match, Club v. I. O. G. T., under
Association Rules, will be played to-morrow. The
kick-off will be at 4.30 p.m. sharp. The
Club team is as follows:—W. Mackay, P. S.
Eskild, D. F. McKim, S. L. H. W. Slade,
J. Kiddle, M. R. P. Courage, R. A. P. F.
Mackay, T. Theford, R. N. J. R. Crook, J. M.
Atkinson, M. B. H. K. Holmes. Referee:—Mr.
F. Brown.

MESSRS. More & Selimund's launch, which was
run down and sunk in the harbour by the P. &
O. tug *Dragon* some time ago, has been floated,
and now lies in a lamentable state of wreck
at Bowringham. As she is not being repaired,
pending settlement of dispute (each side claiming
that the other is solely to blame) it has been
agreed to sell by auction, and the Admiralty
Court has been issued for that
purpose. The case has not yet got beyond
"chambers."

THE *Puang Gossile* of the 4th inst. publishes
the following:—A large fortune is stated to have
been left by a Macao woman, who died in Camp-
bell Street about four or five days ago. She was
a brothel-keeper and owned considerable prop-
erty both here and in Klang, as well as in
China. The total value of her estate is estimated
at \$100,000. The deceased left a will in which
she appointed her husband's second and third
sons to sell by auction, and the executors
and executors respectively. The two executors
are the principal legatees.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on
Thursday, November 23rd, at 4.15 p.m., the
order of the day will be:—Standing Orders for
the guidance of the Board's Officers. Agenda:—
1. Mortality returns for weeks ended the 11th
and 18th November, 1893. 2. List of prosecu-
tions instituted by the Acting Superintendent
from 29th September to 31st October, 1893. 3.
Sanitary Surveyor's report on condition of drains
at Nos. 1, 2, 18 to 30, 32 to 40 (even Nos.),
Temple street; Nos. 1 to 6, and 13 to 23, Pak
Sing Lane, Yau-mai; 1 to 5, and 13 and
16, Tai Wong Lane. 4. Colonial Veterinary
Surgeon's report for quarter ended 30th
September, 1893. 5. Application to review a notice
served for the abatement of a nuisance in
Wyndham street. 6. Application for the position
of Acting Secretary and Sanitary Superintendent.
7. One application for licence to keep cattle.

THE *Yogan Gossile* of November 18th has the
following:—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which
was formed out of the two rival companies, the
Mitsui Bishi and the Kyodo S.S. Companies,
took over with their property every consequence
upon their competition. Its nominal capital, for
instance, was far in excess of the value of
its property. In 1888, therefore, when its
shares were at a low ebb, many of them
were bought in, and last year, a special
loan was raised to reduce its capital, which has
now been brought down from 11,000,000 yen to
8,000,000 yen. The shares number 17,000, and
are of 50 yen (each) value. The voting power of
its shareholders used to be at the rate of a vote
for ten shares, and the value of a vote
gradually rising until after 5,000 shares, a
vote was worth 500 shares, and with 100
votes as the maximum limit. But the draft
of the new regulations, which was made in
accordance with the Act of the Companies of
Code, gives voting power to the holder of a single
share, and to those who possess shares of 100
shares, a vote is to be given for every five
out of any maximum limit whatever. Now the
chief shareholders of the company are the Fin-
ance Department, with 40,000 shares; the
Mitsui, with 30,000; the Fifthment Bank, with
15,000; and the Mitsui family with 5,000 or 7,000.
The proposed regulations give the great share-
holders also the power over the Company. It
is worth noting that had 5,000 votes been given
to a shareholder. If half a dozen of the principal
shareholders combined, the smaller shareholders
would be perfectly powerless. This proposed
change is sure to be opposed by the general
meeting of shareholders to be held shortly for the
alteration of these regulations.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail
steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver
on Tuesday afternoon last.

HARMSTON'S Circus opened at Penang on
November 4th. An obituary notice in another
part of this issue will be read with regret by
many of our readers.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)

November 22nd.

THE LEGAL GOLD-MINE.

Wong Tui Hl, who has already contributed
an almost incalculable amount of legal business
during the past year, was sued by Cheung Hung
Shing for \$2,750 alleged to have been lent to
him personally on a promissory note. Mr. F. E.
Pollock, instructed by Mr. H. L. Denney, was
for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. F. Francis, Q.C.,
instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, was for the
defendant.

Mr. Pollock stated that the money was lent
to plaintiff to defendant's firm, the Him Loong
pig-dealing house, on defendant's personal
guarantee to repay by 24th November last. The
reason was that the firm was in difficulties and
was being sued by three separate creditors in
the Summary Court, and one in the Original
Court; it was agreed that Wong Tui Hl,
the only partner who seems to have had any
money in this unlimited liability concern, should
pay \$5,500 in full discharge of all the claims
then being brought against him. He accordingly
paid half in cash, and as that was all that
he could raise just then, the plaintiff was
induced to provide the rest, and pay it over
to the Him Loong in order to satisfy the creditors.
The defendant now objects to the promissory
note on the ground that no consideration had
been provided; he disputed the assertion as to plaintiff
having handed over the sum of \$2,750 to the
Him Loong. The defence was that the alleged
loan was only a paper transaction and that there
was no ground for the present claim.

Plaintiff, in giving evidence, contradicted
himself so much that at last his lordship had to
threaten him with instant commitment if he did
not stop lying.

Ultima of the case was adjourned until
Monday next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.)

THE "ROSETTA" MAIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—Referring to the letter you published
yesterday respecting the damaged mail received
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Post Office has considered placed on public
view, "This is only a rare case of affairs. But
what would it be to know whether 25 any
official communication on this subject from the
Post Office, and if so why you have suppressed
publication of the same?"

Thanking you for favouring my yesterday's
note with space in your columns.

Yours faithfully,

A RESIDENT.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893.

[The gross incompetency of the Hongkong Post
Office officials, even in affairs of ordinary
importance, cannot longer be ignored. The Govern-
ment has been told that the mail received by the
P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Rosetta*

